

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON**



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 10, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS**

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
(Preaching Series: **Christian Disciplines—How to Laugh**)

**PROCESSIONAL**

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Roxie Davis

Passing the Friendship Pad helps us to know who is here and to know whom we need to reach out to and say: “We missed you in worship.” Please take a moment to sign-in and if you see that there is someone missing who usually sits close to you, take the time to call them this week and make sure everything is OK. **For those of you who are visiting**, welcome. Please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about the ministries of this particular church family. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.

**PRELUDE**

*(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God’s presence in worship)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Judith McLean

**\*OPENING WORDS (Responsively) Psalm 47: 1-2**

Liturgist Judith

“Come everyone and clap for joy!

**Shout loud praises to the Lord.**

The Lord our God is above all earthly gods.

**Our God is awesome beyond words.**

Our God is King over all the earth.”

**As we worship God, let us be joyful and thankful.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Judith

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Judith

So often, Lord, we focus on our lack rather than on Your abundance. We focus on our misfortune rather than realizing that trust in You can bring us joy, even in the most desperate situations. Renew our joy. Remind us that in Your sacrifice on the cross, we are forgiven. In Your death, is our resurrection. Help us to know that Your joy is our strength.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

Lord, there is no other God like You!

**You forgive our sins and say, "You are clean."**

You bring us joy because we are assured of Your love.

**We can laugh and sing and love, because of You.**

We are sure that You en"joy" showing love and mercy.

**We give thanks for You in our lives.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Roxie

**SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 17: 15-19, 18: 9-15, 21: 1-7**

Liturgist Judith and Pastor Roxie

**New Testament Reading:**

**Luke 6: 20-23**

Liturgist Judith

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**"Laughter and Joy"**

Pastor Roxie

**\*HYMN**

**"God of Grace and God of Laughter"**

**Insert**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Liturgist Judith

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Liturgist Judith

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Roxie

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns—***(Share a joy that came out of sadness.)*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**Nehemiah 8: 12 (In Unison)**

Pastor Roxie

**The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH FRIENDSHIP:** Please sign the Friendship Register. Make sure others around you have a chance to sign it, also. **We welcome all of you to the worship of God, especially those who are visitors.** We welcome you as part of our church family; please give us your e-mail or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church. The Friendship Sheets go in the Offering Plates. **Visitors, please fill out the small form available** in the Friendship Pad. It gives us an idea as to what are helpful marketing tools; telling others who we are.

**THANK YOU** for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Judith McLean. The greeter today is Anne Wilton. The Tech Team members running the video

and sound board are Mark Schian and Steve Ahlquist. The Spaghetti Dinner is provided by Membership and Outreach Committee and the Christian Education Committee.

PNC PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the PNC: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in the months of March and April. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

"FIRST LIGHT" CASUAL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE: Each **Sunday at 8:30 a.m.** Worship is about 45 minutes long- it includes relevant messages and contemporary worship music, played by Price Smith.

EASTER LILIES: The Deacons have 3 Easter Lilies available for purchase in honor or memory of loved ones. They are \$11 each and they will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can pick up your flowers the following Sunday, April 7th. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter.

PREACHING SERIES: Please fill out the form for your favorite three preaching topics. This will help Pastor Roxie as she plans Preaching Series for the next few months.

FPC T-SHIRTS: The FPC t-shirts are in! If you ordered a t-shirt, they are now available for pick up at the church office. The shirts are \$11 each, please pay Mark Schian or the church office.

JOB OPENING: We have a job opening for the Children's Christian Education Director. The job description has been revised, and it is a 7 hours per week position. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested - please pick up a job description from the office counter.

PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM: Are you interested in taking pictures of events happening at the church? The Marketing Committee is looking for anyone who likes photography to assist with taking pictures at any events at the church. Please speak with Laura Gaffney or Paige Cronce if you are interested in assisting.

THANK YOU: Thank you, my church family, for all your prayers, cards, food and flowers following my back surgery. I greatly appreciate all of you. Ruth 1:8 "...the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye has dealt ... with me." -Anne Wilton

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available on the table near the church office desk in the Gathering Room.

### UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

SPAHGETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW: **TODAY following the 10:00 AM Service**, is the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show to raise funds for a special event for our kids. If you have not signed up, but would like to share a talent with us, please let Joe Manatrey know and he will add you to the list. Thanks to Rob Williams and the volunteers for the Spaghetti Dinner.

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to Stitch and Chat**. Are you a stitcher or a chatter? Whichever, come! Bring your latest project or just come to chat!

ADULT CLASS "NOOMA": There will be no Wednesday night classes "Nooma" through Lent. Instead, please join us for the Lenten Prayer and Worship, which are at different area churches (*see below*).

LENTEN PRAYER AND WORSHIP: During the weeks of Lent, different area churches are holding Lenten Evening Prayer and Worship. This **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30\* p.m.** will be hosted by **Hillside Wesleyan Church** (5114 N. River Road, Clyde).

ADULT CLASS "THE BACKSTORY": **10 AM on Thursdays-** If you don't know much about the Bible, this class is for you. Lively discussion. No Bible expertise needed—just a willingness to set aside one hour a week to be in God's Word. The Scriptures studied will be the preaching Scriptures for the following Sunday.

OLDE TOWN LENTEN LUNCHEONS: Thursday Lenten Luncheons are at **St. John's United Church of Christ (710 Pine Street) at 12:00 PM**. The luncheons, at no cost to the participants, are prepared by various churches. The short message this week will be delivered by Pastor Randy Bennett. Please come, serve, and enjoy on **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** when we are preparing the lunch. Talk with Rob Williams who is preparing the food if you can help. There is an offering received which will be divided between the Men's and Women's Homeless Shelters in our area. You are all invited!

TOPICAL PRESENTATION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE: Next **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** in the choir room, join the adult class at **11:30 a.m.** led by Dr. Alex

Ruthven on the topic of “Your Health.” The class will include information about taking care of yourself, how to stop the bleeding, special health issues, and other health topics, prompted by your questions.

MOUNTAIN MOVER YOUTH and OFFERING USHER TRAINING: In the Sanctuary, on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM, Judith McLean will be providing training for anyone who would like to be an usher, including children in the Mountain Movers class for the first Sunday of each month.

### **HOLY WEEK EVENTS (March 24-March 31)**

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Join us for Maundy Thursday Worship on **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. The worship will include observation of The Last Supper Communion and a drama presentation titled, “Were You There?” This is an “invite a friend” worship time. The drama will be very moving. If you would like to be in the drama that Pastor Roxie is writing, please contact her within the next few days.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP: An ecumenical Good Friday Service will be at 1:00 PM at Colonial Woods Missionary Church. A group of people from the church will be going. Please let us know if you plan to attend and we can sit together.

GOOD FRIDAY MOVIE: Come view “His Only Son” on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. at Sperry’s Moviehouse. Following the movie we will enjoy a pizza dinner and discussion together at Bella Bolla, downtown. Total cost for the movie and dinner will be \$10. Please sign up at the church office, there are 40 spaces available.

EASTER BREAKFAST: On **Easter Sunday at 9 AM**, between First Light Worship at **8:15 a.m.** and Traditional Worship at 10 AM there will be an Easter Breakfast provided by Membership and Outreach Committee. Please stop by the office desk to sign up if you plan on attending so we have an idea of how much food to have prepared.

*\*Families with children: Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children’s Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child’s face in view, please sit with your child in the Parlor where the service is played on the TV.*

***Our mission is know the Love of God, grow in the Christian faith,  
and go share our faith in Jesus Christ.***

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./3-3:	“First Light” Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
	Traditional Worship	10:00 AM
	Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show	11:15 AM
Mon./3-11:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Deacon Meeting	4:00 PM
	Session Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed./3-13:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Sarah Circle	1:00 PM
	Lenten Prayer Worship at Hillside Wesleyan Church	6:30 PM
Thurs./3-14:	Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 AM
	Lenten Luncheon at St. John’s UCC	12:00 PM
Sun./3-17:	First Light Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
	Traditional Worship	10:00 AM
	Topical Presentation: Your Health Led by Dr. Alex Ruthven	11:30 AM

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